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Dear Mr. McIver:

This is in further reply to your February 9, 1979, request for information about our legislative history program. By letter of June 12, 1979, we responded to all but the first and fourth items of your request. Since those items concern our contracts with REMAC Information Corporation and the General Electric Company, we reserved our reply in order to determine whether the contracts contain proprietary information.

We have completed our review and are enclosing copies of the requested contracts and related documents. We have, however, deleted certain information which is deemed to be proprietary.

The requested contracts, as well as Modifications No. 2 and No. 5 of the General Electric contract, incorporate by reference technical and cost proposals submitted to GAO by REMAC and General Electric. Both companies have stipulated that their technical and cost proposals are not to be disclosed outside the Government because such disclosure would be likely to cause substantial harm to their competitive positions. We have examined these proposals and there appears to be a substantial basis for the assertion that disclosure could cause harm to the companies' competitive positions. The proposals are therefore exempt from disclosure under our regulations at 4 C.F.R. §81.6(a)(4) concerning records containing trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

We have deleted portions of Articles VI(B) (Service Contract Act), VIII(B) (Key Personnel), and XVII (Lease Credits) from our contract with General Electric. General Electric has stipulated that this information is not to be disclosed outside the Government for the reasons stated above. We have also deleted a small portion of Modification No. 2, which contains information concerning General Electric's overhead rates. We consider these items exempt from disclosure under 4 C.F.R. §81.6(a)(4). Modification No. 4 to the G.E. contract has not yet been finalized and is therefore not available for release.

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The copies of the documents released have been billed at \$.10 per page for 313 pages or \$31.30. Please forward a check or money order payable to the U.S. General Accounting Office in this amount. For your convenience, we are enclosing the copies with this letter.

Further consideration of your request, to the extent that it is denied, may be obtained by submitting a letter to the Comptroller General of the United States setting forth the basis for your belief that the partial denial of your request is unwarranted.

Sincerely yours,

Henry R. Wray

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Canleri, CP
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